

COMMENT OF THE DAY

A New Phase

THE Geneva Conference which is to discuss Korea and Indo-China will turn the spotlight upon China. What has been happening there since the Korean armistice was signed? It is clear that the Chinese Government, freed from its preoccupation with fighting in Korea, has set itself to force the pace of revolution in China. Some very important events have happened and the Chinese revolution has entered into a new and sharper phase. The Peking Government has turned its attack principally against two classes, firstly—traders and businessmen and secondly—the peasantry. In doing this it is following exactly the example set by the Russian Government some years ago. This new drive by the Peking Government is an important milestone in the history of Chinese Communism because up to a little while ago, Communist propaganda had claimed that the course which the Chinese revolution was to take would definitely be different from that of the Russian revolution. It had been said that the Communists in China would be willing to tolerate other classes such as the so-called "National Bourgeoisie". Similarly the Chinese Communists were represented as genuine agrarian Democrats; they would redress grievances of the peasants and having done that, would leave them free. It was these beliefs about Chinese Communism which led many people to look indulgently upon it. Recent events bring this line of propaganda entirely to an end. What precisely has happened in the last few months? What are the concrete steps taken by the Chinese Government to give effect to their new intentions?

THE new stage began with a State Administrative Council decree passed on November 19 last year which, summed up by the official Chinese News Agency, said that it "prohibited private merchants from purchasing and trading in grain." They might in future operate as agents for State trading organisations, but it was emphasised that this would be temporary. Huge State concerns were to have a monopoly of all procurement and sale of grain throughout the country. The decree thus eliminates free market in food. It also puts all food processing factories and mills under State control. Not only is food trade taken over, but new decrees, promulgated in March, brought most of the other important products of agriculture into the same monopoly. Tea, cotton, jute, flax, silk, wool and groundnuts were all included. The impression at first glance might be that these decrees would affect mainly businessmen, but the Peking Government is quite open in declaring that its purpose goes far beyond that. It is interested not only in liquidating the "business class" but also wants to gain an effective and final control over the peasantry. Special courts have been set up to implement the "policy of restriction of capitalist commerce." Exactly what these new devices are is not clear but the spirit in which they will operate may be gauged from Mao Tse-tung's classic definition of the role of the law courts in a Communist society. "Courts," he says in his essay on People's Democratic Dictatorship, are instruments with which one class oppresses another. They are violent and certainly not benevolent things. The word has gone out for bringing to heel the "National Bourgeoisie" and peasants. Their fate is unenviable.

MRS PETROV ACCEPTS ASYLUM OFFER

Dramatic Scenes At Darwin
RUSSIAN ESCORTS FOUND CARRYING REVOLVERS

Darwin, Apr. 20.

Mrs Evokiya Petrov, Soviet refugee diplomat's wife, early today accepted political asylum in Australia a short time before she was due to take off by plane for Moscow, it was officially announced.

Mrs Petrov made her decision soon after talking by telephone to her husband, Vladimir Petrov, head of the Soviet Embassy's secret police in Sydney, who was granted asylum last week.

She left Darwin airport, where she had arrived from Sydney two hours earlier, by car for Government House in Darwin city.

Mrs Petrov, 35, an attractive blonde, had flown to Darwin from Sydney last night. There were wild scenes at the Sydney airport as she left, and she was reported to have protested "I don't want to go—save me."

She was bundled aboard the aircraft by two Russian couriers. Mr F. V. Kisilitsin, Second Secretary at the Soviet Embassy in Canberra, who was accompanying Mrs Petrov in the plane, appeared very angry when he heard of her decision to seek Australian asylum. He shouted: "Why did you not let me talk to her. She is being kidnapped."

Mrs Petrov made her decision after a second talk with Mr R. Leydin, Administrator of the Northern Territory, who met her as soon as she stepped from the plane as it landed from Sydney.

He arrived accompanied by armed police. There was a scuffle in which one of the Russian couriers aboard was pushed aside as the Administrator entered the plane.

The two Russian couriers were searched by police and 32 revolvers, which each of them carried, were taken from them.

Mr Leydin approached Mrs Petrov as she left the plane and it was then that the scuffle with the Russian courier occurred.

Mr Leydin is believed to have offered Mrs Petrov political asylum on behalf of the Australian Government.

After her talk with him Mrs Petrov joined her Russian companions.

Mr F. V. Kisilitsin, Second Secretary at the Soviet Embassy who is accompanying Mrs Petrov back to Moscow, protested to Mr Leydin over the searching of the two couriers.

Mr Kisilitsin told reporters: "I am astonished at the action of the Australian authorities. We are diplomats."

Half an hour before Mrs Petrov's plane arrived Mr Leydin, security officers, senior police officers and a Commonwealth law officer held a conference at the airport.

Armed police guarded entrances to the aerodrome refusing permission to enter to unauthorized persons.

Immediately the plane taxied to a standstill Mr Leydin, accompanied by several plain clothed and uniformed police, went to the bottom of the gangway. When Mrs Petrov came down Mr Leydin approached her and one of the Russian courier escorts tried to intervene.

It was then that the courier was manhandled away by the police in a scuffle.

The second courier involved with the police was also led away and both of them searched and their revolvers taken away from them.

The two couriers—Mr P. Jarkov and Mr C. R. Pinsky—were held by policemen while other police searched them.

Mr Kisilitsin protested first to newspapermen and then to Mr Leydin. He also telephoned Canberra from the airport and had a long conversation in Russian.

Asked if it were normal procedure for diplomats to carry guns, Mr Kisilitsin said: "I do not want to speak."

To Mr Leydin, Mr Kisilitsin said: "I have been very astonished at this act. Our diplomatic status has been infringed."

He and Mr Leydin then had a talk from which the press were excluded.

Phone Talk With Husband

Watchers at the airport saw that when Mr Leydin approached and asked a question Mrs Petrov looked straight ahead and shook her head negatively.

After her talk with Mr Leydin she walked away and returned to the couriers. She was weeping intermittently but did not appear very distressed.

On the plane she had a glass of beer and a cup of tea and tried to sleep. But she was alarmed.

The Russians refused to leave the airport and remained there while the other passengers went to the rest houses for the scheduled two-hour halt in Darwin.

A quarter of an hour before the plane was due to leave Mr Leydin arranged for Mrs Petrov to speak with her husband by telephone.

She spoke in Russian for about three minutes while the two couriers and Mr Kisilitsin listened to her.

Finally, according to a local man who understands a little Russian, Mrs Petrov said: "No. Goodbye" and hung up.

At the last minute when other passengers were arriving at the airport to rejoin the plane, Mrs Petrov said she would speak to Mr Leydin again.

She went into the airport office while Mr Kisilitsin stood aside. A few minutes later Mrs Petrov moved out of the office with Mr Leydin and was escorted immediately to a car driven by the Superintendent of Police, Mr W. C. Littlejohn.

After the announcement of Mrs Petrov's decision, Mr Kisilitsin asked for time to telephone his Embassy in Canberra.

The plane was held while he telephoned. He apparently obtained a decision from the Soviet Embassy because it was later learned that all three Russians would continue their journey.

Parliamentary Elections For Egypt In 1956

Paris, Apr. 19. The newly reappointed Egyptian Premier, Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser, quoted by Radio Cairo tonight announced that Parliamentary elections would be held in Egypt in 1956 at the end of a three-year transitional period of military rule.

Nasser said the measures taken last week against certain political figures and journalists constituted a "purge" necessary before Parliamentary elections. The Radio said in its Arabic broadcast.

The Premier said the recently signed Turkish-Pakistani pact would be ineffective as long as the Arab states refused to join it.—France-Press.

PORT SAID OUT OF BOUNDS

Port Said was declared out of bounds to British troops today by the British headquarters in the Suez Canal zone following yesterday's outrage by Egyptians in which a British soldier was killed and another kidnapped.

Military police have set up a control post about 12 miles from the town and all cars and travellers are searched before being allowed to proceed.—France-Press.

Eight Rescued Babies Die

Reading, Apr. 19. Eight of 15 babies dragged from a burning maternity hospital—here last night were dead tonight. All were only a few days old.

One, only six hours old, died immediately after he had been dragged from his burning cot by a nurse, who braved flames and choking smoke to save her charges. The others died today.

Police cars raced through holiday traffic with clanging bells, taking oxygen tents to the burned babies and doctors fought all day for their lives.—China Mail Special.

The Struggle For Dien Bien Phu

Rebels Tighten Grip

Hanoi, Apr. 19. Overwhelming Vietminh forces further tightened their noose around embattled Dien Bien Phu after capturing an outpost north of the fortress' strategic airfield, the French High Command announced late tonight.

The announcements came as a bitter battle raged north of the bastion's centre for possession of the airstrip. Despite furious French counter-attacks, the Vietminh admitted that one-quarter of the landing field was now in Vietminh hands.

Violent fighting flared up when the garrison of the Northern outpost began pulling out at dawn today to rejoin the main French defence lines in the South.

"Superior" Vietminh forces sprang from surrounding trenches, engaging the withdrawing French troops. By noon local time the evacuation was completed, the spokesman said.

The position was not identified closely by the spokesman. He merely said it was isolated from the fortress' heart by Vietminh trenches and was fast becoming "unsustainable."

SPEARHEADS READY
The trenches, dug by about one company of Vietminh mole men over the weekend, are by now filled with spearheads of Vietminh shock troops which can launch a general offensive against the command post of Brig-Gen. Christian de Castries at any time, a French spokesman said.

To prevent the French Command from sending airborne reinforcements to Dien Bien Phu, Vietminh troops launched attacks on other fronts, including the Red River delta, Central Vietnam and Laos, and small units went on the rampage in the various sectors of South Vietnam.

The French Command said the rebels would concentrate their main efforts on General de Castries' command post in the middle of the biggest hedgehog wall position. Only later will they attempt to "smother" the outlying defences in the West and East, he said.

The easternmost hillcock, "Isabelle" is bracing for a massive onslaught too. It has been cut off from the main defences by two deep trenches for the past 20 days.—United Press.

Earth Tremors Destroy Houses

Athens, Apr. 19. About 200 houses in the Corinth region are annihilated as a result of earth tremors which shook villages near Corinth on Saturday night, the prefect of Corinth reported today. No one was hurt.

The Corinth area was badly shaken on September 6 and 7 last year, a month after the disastrous earthquakes which cost about 425 dead in the Jordan Islands of Cephalonia, Zante and Ithaca.—Reuter.

UN AND ATOMIC CONTROL TALKS

Russia Votes Against 5-Power Sub-committee

New York, Apr. 20.

Faced by a threatened Soviet boycott, the United Nations Disarmament Commission voted last night by nine to one, with two abstentions, to set up a five-Power sub-committee to start private talks on atomic control next Friday.

Britain had proposed the setting up of the sub-committee—composed of Canada, France, the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union.

The Soviet Union alone voted against its establishment. China and the Lebanon abstained.

The Commission rejected a Soviet amendment to increase the sub-committee to eight by the inclusion of Communist China, India and Czechoslovakia. The vote on this was ten to one (the Soviet Union), with one abstention (the Lebanon).

Earlier, Mr Andrei Vyshinsky, the Soviet delegate, had warned that if the British plan were adopted it would create "very considerable difficulties for the Soviet Union as regards participation in the work of the sub-committee, a sub-committee which would be set up in such a one-sided manner."

Mr Vyshinsky's threat of a boycott resulted in Sir Pierson Dixon, the British delegate, asking for a 30-minute recess to talk over the situation with the representatives of the United States and France.

On the resumption, Sir Pierson Dixon said: "It would be a very serious matter for the cause of peace if the Soviet Union should not be willing to come to the meeting of the sub-committee."

The Commission had been almost on the point of voting on the British proposal when Mr Andrei Vyshinsky, the Soviet delegate, threatened the boycott.

Mr Vyshinsky had described the proposal of Mr Nehru for a "standstill" agreement on hydrogen bomb explosions as "certainly a step forward."

Dispute With Army

McCarthy To Question Witnesses

Washington, Apr. 19.

Senator Joseph McCarthy declared today that he will question witnesses at the public hearings over his dispute with the army, which will begin on Thursday.

Some members of Senator McCarthy's Senate investigation Sub-committee, which is to conduct the hearings, are opposed to his questioning witnesses.

Senator Karl Mundt (Republican, South Dakota), Acting Chairman, said the issue might have to be put up to the Senate.

Before meeting with his fellow Senators to discuss procedure for the investigation, Senator McCarthy told reporters: "I think that it's necessary for me to question all witnesses. That includes members of my staff and the Pentagon (Defence Headquarters) politicians too."

The United States Army has charged the Senator with seeking favours for a conscripted former associate, Private David Schine.

Senator McCarthy said today: "No one need to worry about my questioning as long as they are telling the truth."

LETTERS PUBLISHED
He added that he expected he would be asked to file a bill of particulars outlining his charges against the Army.

The Secretary of Defence, Mr Charles Wilson, and the Chiefs of the Army, Navy and Air Force today made public letters telling Senator McCarthy that they get only "rare" requests from Congressmen for special consideration for individuals in the armed forces. Senator McCarthy had asked them for a report on their experience with other members of Congress.

Army Secretary Robert Stevens said in his letter that the requests were handled "in strict accordance with established policies and procedures designed to ensure fair and ethical treatment of all military personnel."—Reuter.

More Frontier Incidents

Amman, Apr. 19. Jordan alleged that Israelis fired on Jordan national guards in two frontier areas today.

About nine Israeli soldiers crossed the armistice line into no-man's-land in the Latrun district, about 20 miles from Jerusalem, and fired on national guards, the announcement said.

The guards returned the fire and after a 15-minute exchange of shots the Israelis withdrew, leaving behind seven boxes of ammunition and bloodstains on the ground.

Later Israelis opened fire from their lines at Beddun village in the Ramallah area, the announcement said. No Jordan casualties were reported in either incident.—Reuter.

RAF Active In Kenya

Nairobi, Apr. 20.

The Royal Air Force mounted its biggest offensive of the anti-Mau Mau campaign during the past week as part of the new drive following the breakdown of surrender talks eight days ago, it was disclosed here last night.

On the ground, three brigades of British and African troops with police and Kikuyu guards killed 110 terrorists, wounded or captured 14 and detained 231 suspects in widespread sweeps.


These figures were given by British Army headquarters in a report of operations in General Sir George Erskine's new drive. Heavy Lincoln bombers dropped more than 75 tons of bombs in 29 sorties including one night operation. Harvard light bombers dropped another 12 tons and Vampire jets which went into operation in the colony for the first time on Friday—had already fired 67 rockets in attacks on Mau Mau haunts.

Casualties in the security forces were one European and six Africans killed and one European and four Africans wounded.

Terrorists also killed 25 loyal Kikuyu and wounded three. A terrorist gang attacked a farm owned by a local Kikuyu headman in South Nyeri reserve on Sunday night and destroyed more than 500 coffee trees.

Elsewhere in the reserves security forces inflicted casualties on small terrorist gangs over the week-end and captured a number of firearms and a quantity of ammunition.—Reuter.

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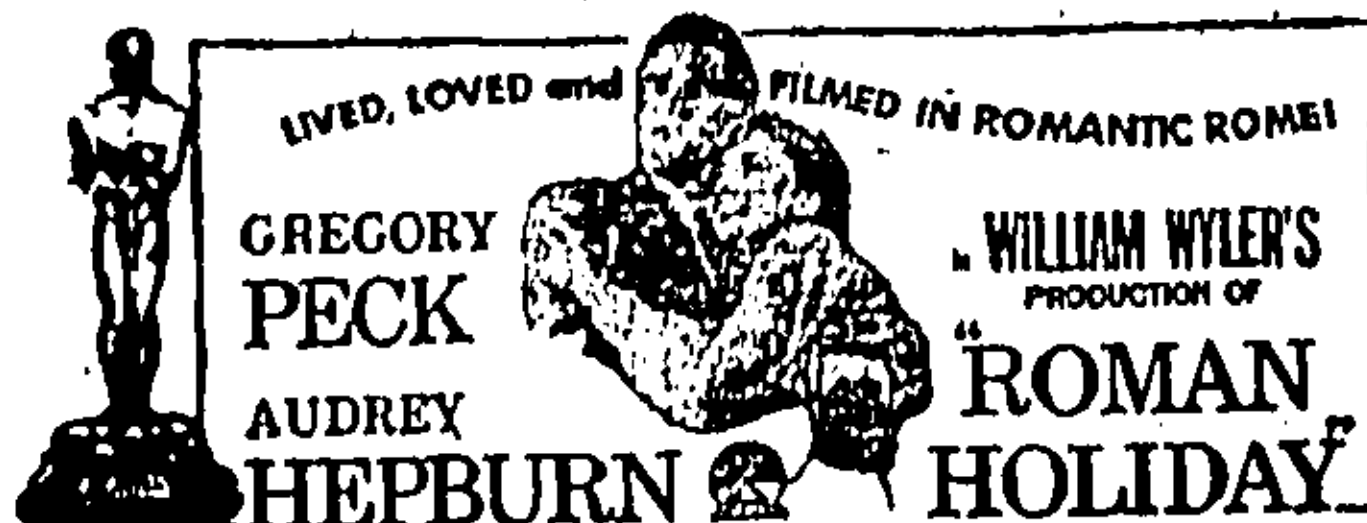
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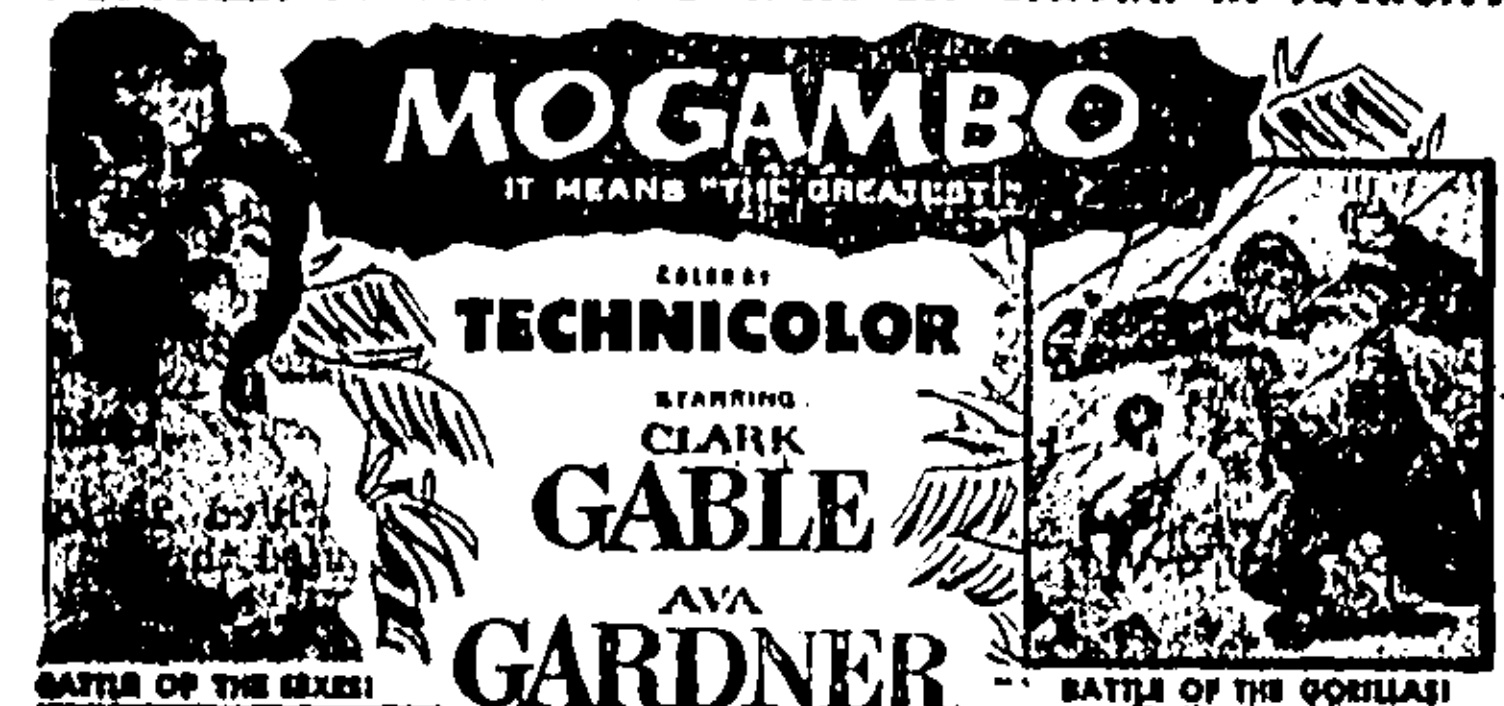
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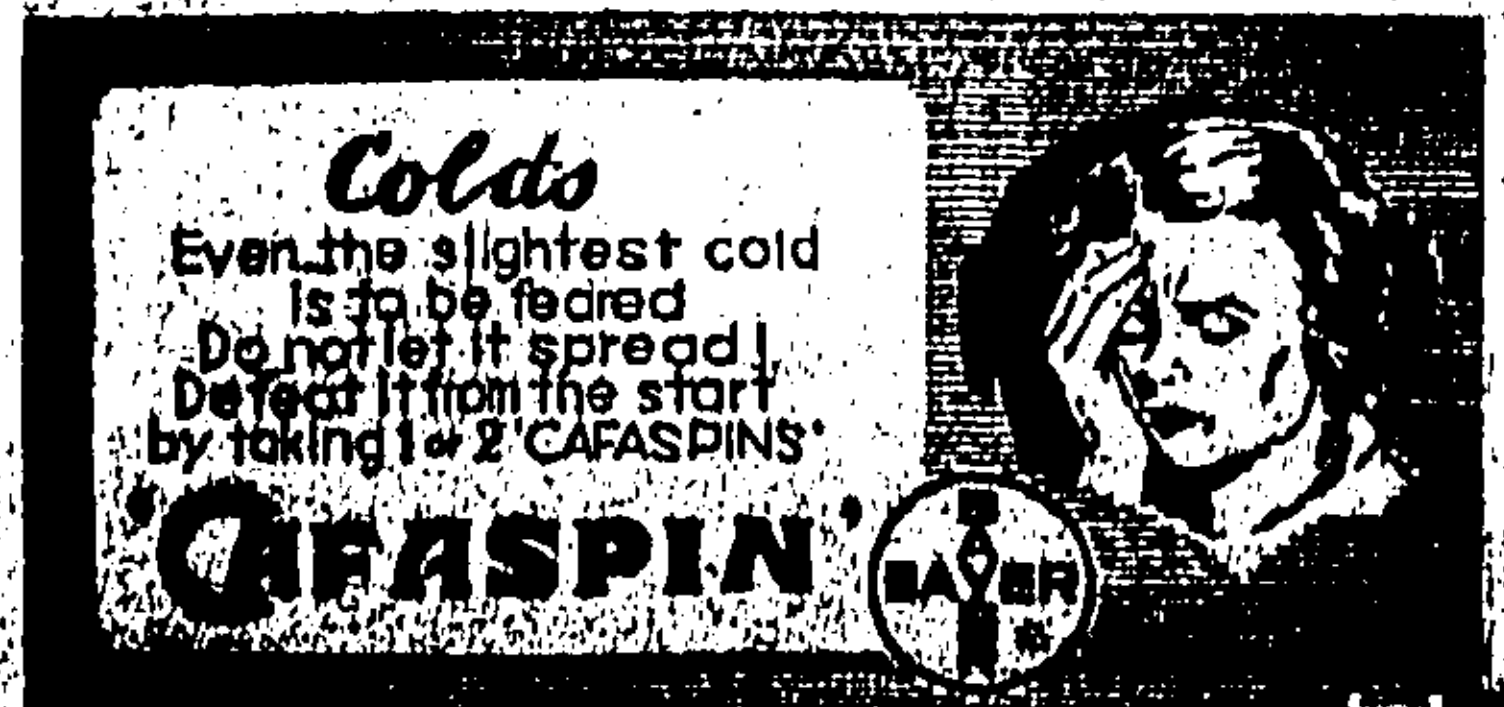


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EAST-WEST TRADE TALKS IN GENEVA

To Discuss Goods And Payments At UN Meeting

Geneva, Apr. 20.
Trade experts from 25 East and West European countries, including the Soviet Union and Britain, will start talks behind closed doors today aimed at expanding East-West trade.

The talks, held under the auspices of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, are expected to last about two weeks.

All the Eastern European countries will be represented and all Western Europe — with the exception of Spain, Iceland and Eire.

Mr Casey Arrives In London

For Pre-Geneva Talks

London, Apr. 19.

The Australian Foreign Minister, Mr R. G. Casey, arrived in London tonight. He will confer with the British Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, the United States Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, and the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, before the Geneva Conference begins.

On his arrival at the airport, Mr Casey spoke to the Press on the gravity of the Indo-China situation. He said "The gallant defenders of Dien Bien Phu under the leadership of Brigadier-General de Castries have the admiration of the free world. If by bad luck Dien Bien Phu were to fall to the much superior strength of the Communists, the propaganda value could be used by them with great effect in the much more important Red River Delta area."

Mr Casey said Australia was particularly interested in the two questions to be discussed at Geneva, adding that Korea and Indo-China were the "things of Asia."

Indo-China was the more delicate matter by reason of the current fighting and the possibility of its spreading, he said. He said an armistice would mean an almost immediate handing over of Indo-China to the Communists.

Mr Casey said the "retention of South-east Asia in general and Indo-China in particular in non-Communist hands is of the utmost importance to Europe."

—France-Press.

PEARSON LEAVES

Geneva, Apr. 19.
The Canadian External Affairs Minister, Mr Lester B. Pearson, left Ottawa by air today for London on his way to Paris to attend a meeting of the North Atlantic Council.

From Paris Mr Pearson will go to Geneva where he will lead the Canadian delegation to the Geneva conference.

Another 14 members of the Chinese Communist delegation to the Geneva conference arrived in Geneva today by air from Prague.

Among the arrivals were the delegation's secretary, Mr Wang Pin-nan, and a journalist.

The Thailand delegation to the Far East Conference at Geneva this week has arrived at Cuntin by air from Bangkok.

The delegation is led by the Foreign Minister, Prince Naradhip Bongsrabhand, who is accompanied by Prince Pridabongse Devakul and five others.

—France-Press.

"Scarface" Skorzeny Wins Lawsuit

Madrid, Apr. 19.
Former Nazi Colonel Otto "Scarface" Skorzeny, who kidnapped Mussolini from the Allies in 1943, won his lawsuit against the Madrid weekly Domingo for publishing reports about him which were "harmful to military honour and to the rights of people," it was learned today.

Skorzeny conceded that the edition of the weekly had published in good faith the report which had received from an American newspaper.

He requested that the 15,000 pesetas damages awarded "be divided equally between Spanish war victims and German war victims," it was learned today.

Observers in Geneva thought much depends on the attitude of the British trade experts. If the talks are to prove successful, British businessmen get the co-operation of the Board of Trade in expanding their exports to East European countries and if imports from the East are to be on a competitive basis, it is believed that not only 1954 but also future years will see a marked increase in East-West trade.

It has been noted that during the last six months there has been much more emphasis in East Europe on placing orders with the West for heavy industrial equipment and machinery and transport equipment including ships and cranes.

CONSUMER GOODS

Other items on request from the East—especially from the Soviet Union—are believed to include electrical equipment, foodstuffs and consumer goods of a wide range.

In return Russia and the satellites are thought to be able to offer quantities of wheat, coarse grains, timber, coal, chrome and chrome ore.

Apart from discussions on actual trading commodities, the talks starting today will put particular emphasis on a re-organisation of the present East-West payments structure with a view to stabilising and improving this to encourage trade expansion.

During the seventh session of the U.N. Economic Commission for Europe in Geneva last month, the Soviet delegate, Mr Pavel Kumyko, Deputy Trade Minister, stressed the importance of long-term multilateral East-West trade and payments arrangements as one of the main solutions to difficulties of the past. —Reuter.

Kremlin Gets A Spring Clean

Moscow, Apr. 19.
The Kremlin was closed to visitors today for a last minute spring cleaning before the 1,347 deputies assemble tomorrow for the first session of the Supreme Soviet since the March 14 elections.

When the Supreme Soviet meets tomorrow many deputies will enter the great Kremlin Palace for the first time.

The election, the first since the Malenkov Government came to power, showed a big turn-over of deputies in a number of localities, and the debates are expected to mirror the changes instituted by the new Government.

The Supreme Soviet usually assembles annually, and if precedent is followed, it will hear the budget speech by the Finance Minister, Mr Arsent Sverev, tomorrow night. —Reuter.

Appeals To UN To Save His Father

Frankfurt, Apr. 19.
A White Russian emigrant whose father, West Berlin resident, was a Russian anti-Soviet emigre movement, had been missing from his West Berlin home for the past few days appealed to the United Nations and President Eisenhower today to come to the aid of his father.

Jaroslav Truchmovich is planning to go to the US to deliver lectures on the situation in the countries behind the Iron Curtain. —France-Press.

Sir Gladwyn Jebb Off To Paris



New Moves By Two Labour Groups Favour Mr Bevan

London, Apr. 20.

Many Labour politicians believe their party's official leaders may have to modify their views on German rearmament — even if this looks like a surrender to left-winger Aneurin Bevan.

The Labour Party's narrow official support for a West German contribution to Western defence was one of the reasons given by Mr Bevan last week for his dramatic resignation from Labour's "Shadow Cabinet" in Parliament.

Mr Bevan, who already has the backing of nearly half the Labour members of the House of Commons on the German issue, received fresh support at the weekend. The Co-operative Party conference at Blackpool, ignoring its own leaders, voted more than two to one against German rearmament.

The Co-operative Political Party, 148,124-strong, has over 9,500,000 affiliates in people who shop at co-operative stores. It has 18 representatives in the House of Commons who rank as Labour members and are subject to Labour Party discipline. These members, traditionally loyal to the official Labour leadership, are placed in an embarrassing position by the conference vote.

Mr Bevan has also gained the backing of the Executive of the 340,000-member Shop and Distributive Workers' Union which has put forward an anti-German rearmament resolution for its current conference at Brighton. The Shopworkers' Union is strongly left-wing.

The Parliamentary Labour Party gave Mr Clement Attlee, its leader, a majority of only nine in support of West German rearmament. The figures were 113-104.

FLOOD OF LETTERS

Bevanites claim a flood of letters from local Labour parties have showed firm opposition to the official line.

Dilemma of the official leaders is that this is much more than an Attlee-Bevan personal clash. Many who supported the left-winger, were neither Bevanites nor admirers of Mr Bevan—they merely shared his views on this particular issue.

Socialists recognise that a major showdown is inevitable before the party, badly split by Mr Bevan's resignation, can regain its unity.

The row may come next week when Labour Members of

Parliament meet to discuss their reaction to the Anglo-American proposal for a South-east Asia and Western Pacific Defence Pact. Mr Bevan opposed this and dismayed the Socialist "Old Guard" by telling Parliament it was a surrender to American pressure.

But the Welsh left-winger may feel his real chance to challenge Mr Attlee successfully will be to reopen the German controversy as soon as possible. The Labour Party is so evenly divided that a test of strength might swing the majority to his side. —China Mail Special.

Danny Kaye To Make A Film

New York, Apr. 19.

Danny Kaye, comedian, dancer and singer, left New York by plane tonight for London where he will make a personal appearance before beginning a five-week tour of theatres in Johannesburg, Durban and Capetown.

He said after his South African tour he will go to India, Burma, Thailand and the Philippines to make a documentary film of the work of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.

He said the motion picture industry would provide the film, camera and crews and he will donate his services to the making of the picture which he will present to the UN to show the world what Unicef is doing for 60 million children throughout the world.

He said he had been presented with a UN travelling document, the equivalent of a diplomatic passport. —France-Press.

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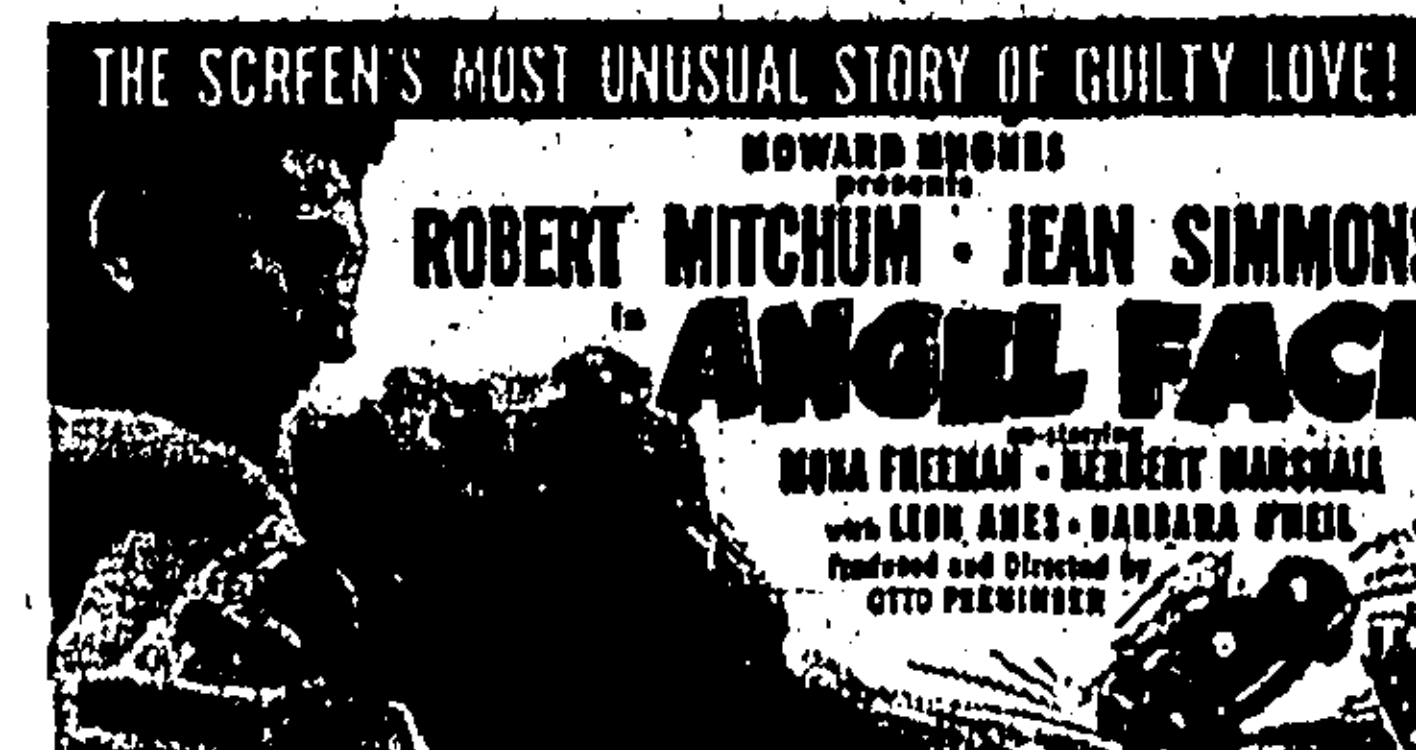
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US TROOPS UNLIKELY TO GO TO INDO-CHINA

De Gaulle Hits At Army Plan

US Official's View

War Preparations In Russia "Are Defensive"

Democrat Criticises Nixon's Idea

Washington, Apr. 19. Senator Edwin Johnson, Democrat of Colorado, today advocated that the bases of US foreign policy be the Monroe Doctrine and the Asia for Asians slogan.

Interposing in a Senate debate, Senator Johnson criticised Vice President Nixon for his suggestion that American troops be sent to Indo-China if France should ever withdraw.

"I am against the sending of American troops to take part in a war designed to perpetuate colonialism," Senator Johnson said. "Earlier in the debate Senator Ralph Flanders, Republican, had said the Korean truce had not solved any problems and an Indo-China truce would not solve any either."—France-Press.

Mr Dulles's Statement After Top-Level Meeting

TWO-HOUR TALK WITH EISENHOWER ON SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Augusta, Georgia, Apr. 19.

The American Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, said today he thought it unlikely that American troops would have to be sent to Indo-China. He said this after a conference with President Eisenhower on the situation in Southeast Asia.

Mr Dulles flew to the President's vacation headquarters at Augusta to report personally to Mr Eisenhower. He went straight to the conference, which started shortly after his arrival and ended about two hours later. Mr Dulles returned to Washington immediately afterwards.

Mr Dulles is expected to leave for Paris tomorrow night for a meeting of the Ministerial Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation prior to the Geneva conference.

This is the text of Mr Dulles's statement issued after his meeting with Mr Eisenhower:

"I have reported to President Eisenhower on my recent trip to the London and Paris where I discussed the position in Indo-China.

"I found in both capitals recognition that the armed Communist threat endangers vital world interests and makes it appropriate that the free nations meet immediately concerned should explore the possibility of establishing a collective defence. This same recognition had already been expressed by other nations of the Southeast Asian area.

"The Communists in Vietnam, spurred on by Red China, have acted on the assumption that a quick, easy victory at Dien Bien Phu would open the door to a Communist advance to domination of the entire Southeast Asian area. They concluded they were justified in recklessly squandering the lives of the subjects to conquer this strong point so as to confront the Geneva conference with what could be portrayed as both a military and political victory for Communism.

"The gallant defenders of Dien Bien Phu have done their part to assure a frustration of the Communist strategy. They have taken a toll such that, from a military standpoint, the attackers already lost more than they could win. From a political standpoint, the defenders of Dien Bien Phu have dramatised the struggle for freedom so that the free world sees more clearly than ever before the issues that are at stake and once again drawing closer together in unity of purpose.

NO DEFEATISM

"The Communist rulers are learning again that the will of the free world is not broken by violence or intimidation.

"The brutal Soviet conquest of Czechoslovakia did not disintegrate the will of the West. It led to the formation of the North Atlantic Treaty alliance.

"The violent conquest of the China mainland followed by the Korean aggression did not nullify the will of the free nations. It led to a series of Pacific mutual security pacts and to the creation under the North Atlantic Treaty of a powerful defensive force-in-being.

"The violent battles now being waged in Vietnam—and the armed aggressions against Laos and Cambodia are not creating any spirit of defeatism. On the contrary, they are rousing the free nations to measures which we hope will be sufficiently timely and vigorous to preserve these vital areas from Communist domination.

"In this course lies the best hope of achieving at Geneva the restoration of peace with freedom and justice.

"In addition to discussing with the President the situation in Indo-China, I reported to him with reference to the Korean phase of the forthcoming Geneva conference which opens on April 28.

"At Berlin the Soviet Union agreed that the establishment, by peaceful means, of a united and independent Korea would be an important factor in reducing international tension and in restoring peace in other parts of Asia.

PEACEFUL MEANS

"To achieve that goal is the purpose of the conference which will be held between the representatives of the Soviet Union, the Chinese and North Korean Communist regimes, and the representatives of 16 nations which participated under the United Nations Command, in the defence of the Republic of Korea.

"The United States, working in close consultation with the Republic of Korea and the representatives of the other Allied nations, will adhere steadfastly to this purpose of establishing by peaceful means a united and independent Korea.

"I also discussed with President Eisenhower the meeting of the NATO Ministerial Council to be held in Paris next Friday. Since the military programme for NATO has now been established on a stable and durable basis, this particular Ministerial meeting will be confined to an exchange of views between the Foreign Ministers with reference to the worldwide political situation as affecting the NATO members.

"In preparation for this meeting, I reviewed with President Eisenhower the United States estimate of the world situation, and the persistence in varying forms, of the menace of Soviet Communism which makes imperative that there be collective measures to meet that menace.

"The President expressed his great personal satisfaction that NATO, as it completes its fifth year, has already made a large contribution to peace and faces the future with a prospect of growing strength and unity.

"I leave for Geneva confident that the Allies are closer than before to a unity of purpose with respect to world problems, not only of the West, but of the East."

After Mr Dulles completed the formal statement to reporters, he was subjected to persistent questioning about Vice-President Richard M. Nixon's statement to the American Society of Newspaper Editors last week that American troops might be used in Indo-China if the French forces are withdrawn at any stage.

"I Think It's Unlikely"

"Is there any serious possibility of American troops being sent to Indo-China?" Mr Dulles was asked.

"I think it is unlikely," Mr Dulles said.

Furthermore, he said, he had not discussed this particular point with the President today. He said also that as far as he knew, the small number of U.S. technicians now in Indo-China would come out of the battle area on schedule—sometime before June 30.

Mr Dulles was asked to evaluate the Nixon speech—which was first made with the understanding that his words would not be attributed to him. Mr Dulles said Mr Nixon answered "a hypothetical question in terms of a personal opinion and on an off-the-record basis, and he certainly is entitled to do all of that."

Asked whether, aside from the Nixon statement, he himself favoured dispatching American forces to Indo-China "as a last resort" if the "unlikely" probability of French collapse comes to pass, Mr Dulles said:

"I prefer not to answer the hypothetical question on an off-the-record basis."

Reporters pressed him on another point—whether Indo-China now poses a situation similar to that in 1950 when the United States entered the Korean war.

Mr Dulles said Indo-China was an area of vital concern to the free world, including the United States.

He said, however, that the timing of an Indo-China discussion was "unpredictable" and that no agreement existed as to the nations which would participate in such a discussion.

On the question of whether additional American personnel would be sent to Indo-China, the Secretary said that for practical purposes there is "substantially no American personnel there now."

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General de Gaulle speaking at a press conference at the Hotel Continental in Paris attacks the proposed European Army. "If the French Parliament yields to foreign pressure and supports this proposal, France will be thrown into a state of permanent revolution," he said.—Express Photo.

A Young Count and His Countess Start

4,000-Mile Drive Over Andes In A Second-Hand Car

New York.

Twenty-three-year-old White Russian, Countess Mary Pshersky, is on her way from South America on a gruelling trip to New York and then to Canada—in a second-hand British car.

The Countess and her 32-year-old husband, Count George, have completed the worst part of the trip—nearly 4,000 miles—part of the distance being over rough ground without roads, over the Andes from their home in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to Valparaiso, Chile.

To get the money to buy food and petrol and oil, the couple are taking and selling pictures of local scenes and people.

They left Rio de Janeiro in January for Buenos Aires, and from there drove to Valparaiso, where they are staying for a few weeks to raise money for the next leg of their trip.

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Union's Call For Ban On H-Bomb

London, Apr. 19.

The Association of engineering and shipbuilding draughtsmen at Brighton today called on the British Government to take the initiative for an international ban on the H-bomb.

The conference asked the Government to start East-West talks to ban the manufacture and stockpiling of hydrogen weapons.

The conference also passed a resolution "deploring the recent decision of the Parliamentary Labour Party and the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party to support Gennaz reinforcement."

Another motion carried unanimously opposed Mr Anthony Eden's statement after talks with Mr John Foster Dulles on the formation of a Pacific military alliance, believing it would add to the danger of extending war in the Far East.—Reuter.

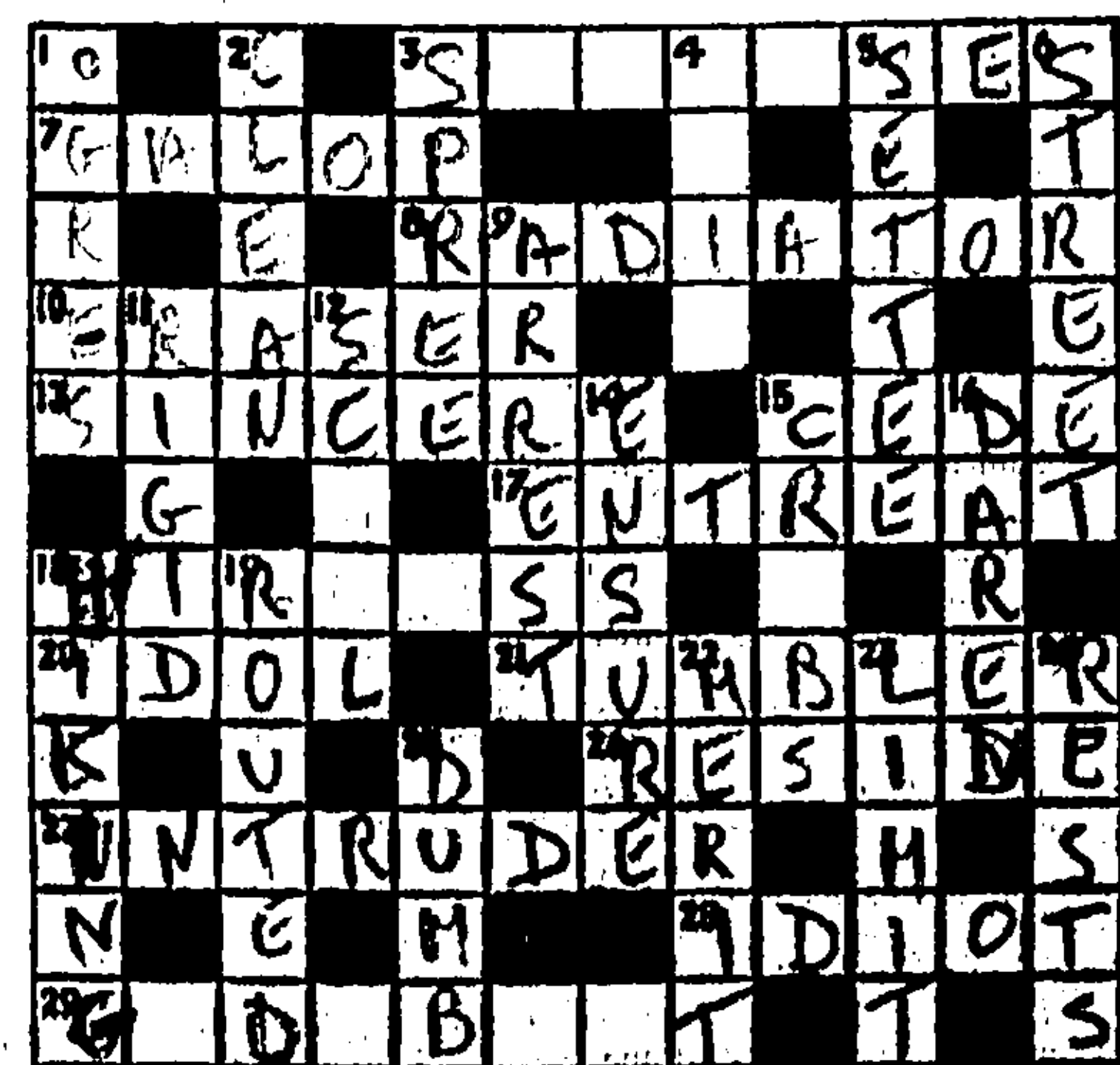
SOPER'S VIEW

London, Apr. 19. The President of the Methodist Conference, Dr Donald Soper, said at Knareborough, Yorkshire today the Christian Churches should unite in opposing the use of the hydrogen bomb.

Speaking at an open-air meeting Dr Soper said: "The great need at the moment is for Christian people to unite and say to their Governments that if they go on with this wicked and satanic muck about with the H-bomb they cannot count on us to support them."

"If the Christian Churches said no to the bomb no politician would say yes to it."—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Guesses (8).
- 7 Dance (5).
- 8 Part of a car (8).
- 10 India-rubber (6).
- 13 Earnest (7).
- 15 Grant (4).
- 17 Egg (7).
- 18 Study (7).
- 20 Object of worship (4).
- 21 Glass (7).
- 22 Dwell (6).
- 27 Trespasser (8).
- 28 Fool (5).
- 29 Flighty person (8).

DOWN

- 1 Monsters (5).
- 2 Free from dirt (5).
- 3 Jollification (8).
- 4 Armour (4).
- 5 Seat (6).
- 6 Thoroughfare (6).
- 9 Shop (8).
- 11 Suit (5).
- 12 Car (5).
- 14 Cake curtain (8).
- 15 Copies (5).
- 16 Challenged (5).
- 18 Outing (8).
- 19 Put to flight (6).
- 22 Deserve (5).
- 23 Boundary (6).
- 24 Repose (5).
- 25 Speechless (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Recipe, 5 Doubt, 8 Enter, 9 Turned, 10 Pared, 11 Rhythmic, 12 Chop, 13 Socks, 14 Assured, 15 Assured, 16 Tabled, 17 Bitter, 18 Assured, 19 Bitter, 20 Bitter, 21 Never, 22 Steep, 23 Bitter, 24 Bitter, 25 Bitter, 26 Bitter, 27 Bitter, 28 Bitter, 29 Bitter. Down: 1 Bitter, 2 Bitter, 3 Bitter, 4 Bitter, 5 Bitter, 6 Bitter, 7 Bitter, 8 Bitter, 9 Bitter, 10 Bitter, 11 Bitter, 12 Bitter, 13 Bitter, 14 Bitter, 15 Bitter, 16 Bitter, 17 Bitter, 18 Bitter, 19 Bitter, 20 Bitter, 21 Bitter, 22 Bitter, 23 Bitter, 24 Bitter, 25 Bitter, 26 Bitter, 27 Bitter, 28 Bitter, 29 Bitter.

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'THERE STANDS THE MURDERER' SAID HOLMES



Holmes jumped from the tree

by Adrian Conan Doyle

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR

AFTER hearing from Miss Daphne Ferrers how her father had received three mysterious prints, each showing angels dressed in black, Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson set off for his secluded estate in the New Forest. But they are not in time to prevent a tragedy. They find the body of Josua Ferrers under a cedar tree. The throat had been cut from ear to ear. Mr James Tonston, who had formerly managed the victim's vineyards in Sicily, tells Holmes how, from a distance, he saw Ferrers put his hands to his throat and then stagger and fall. Both the local doctor and police constable suspect suicide.

AS the doctor and Tonston vanished through the pines, Holmes was galvanised into activity. For a while he circled the grass around the dead man on his hands and knees, like some lean, eager fox-hound casting for its scent. Once he stopped and peered at the ground very closely, then, rising to his feet, he whipped his lens from his pocket and proceeded to a searching examination of the trunk of the cedar.

Suddenly he stiffened, and at his gesture the constable and I hastened to his side. Holmes pointed with his finger as he handed the glass to the police officer. "Examine the edge of that knot," he said quietly. "What do you see?"

"Looks to me like a hair, sir," replied Constable Kibble, gazing through the lens. "No, it's not a hair. It's a brown thread."

"Quite so. Perhaps you would kindly remove it and place it in this envelope. Now, Watson, give me a hand up." Holmes scrambled into the fork of the tree and, supporting himself by the branches, peered about him. "What have we here?" he chuckled. "A fresh scrape on the trunk, traces of mud in the fork and another small thread from some coarse brownish material clinging to the bark. Where a man might lean his

back. Quite a treasure trove, I am about to jump down and I want you both to watch the exact place where I land. So!" He stepped to one side. "Now, what do you see?"

"Two small indentations."

"Precisely. The marks of my heels. Look wider."

"By Jingo!" cried the constable. "There are four, not two! They are identical."

"Save that the others are not quite so deep."

"The man was lighter!" I ejaculated.

"Bravo, Watson. Well, I think that we have seen all that we need."

The officer fixed Holmes with his earnest eyes. "Look here, sir," he said. "I'm clean out of my depth. What's all this mean?"

"Probably your sergeant's stripes, Constable Kibble. And now, let us join the others."

When we reached the house, the police officer showed us into a long, sparsely-furnished

"Murder is an ugly word, Mr Sherlock Holmes," he said quietly. "And an ugly deed. Though not, perhaps, to the Mala Vita." "What nonsense is this?" "Tut, I was relying upon your knowledge of Sicily to fill in any small details that I may have overlooked. However, as you dismiss as nonsense the name of this terrible secret society, it will doubtless interest you to learn a few of the facts."

"Have a care, Mr Holmes." "To you, Dr Nordham, and to Constable Kibble, there will appear to be gaps in my brief account," my friend continued. "But, I will address myself to you, Watson, as you were present during Miss Ferrers's narrative."

"It was obvious from the first that her father was hiding from some peril of so relentless a nature that even in the depth of this deserted countryside he went in fear of his life."

"As the man had come from Sicily, an island notorious for its power and vindictiveness of its Secret Societies, the most likely explanation was that either he had offended some such organisation or as a member he had transgressed some vital rule. As he made no attempt to invoke the police, I inclined to the latter supposition and this became a certainty with the first appearance of the Dark Angels."

"You will recall that they were nine in number, Watson, and that the print inscribed with the numerals '8/3' was nailed to a tree in the avenue on December 29."

"The next visitation took place on February 11, exactly six weeks and three days from December 29, but this time the angels, six in number, were nailed to the front door."

"On March 24 came the third and last appearance, exactly six weeks and last appearance, exactly six weeks after the second. The dreaded heralds of death, again nine in number, but now without inscription, lay on the very platter of the master of Abbotston."

"As I listened to Miss Ferrers's voice and calculated the dates rapidly in my mind, I was dismayed by the discovery that the final nine of the Dark Angels, assuming them to represent the same period of time as the first, brought the date to May 7. Today!"

"I knew then that I was too late. But, if I could not save her father, I might avenge him and, with that object, I attacked the problem from a different angle."

"The face at the window was typical of course, or perhaps the most barbarous trait in the face of the secret society, the Dark Angels, the heralds of death, the angels of the underworld."

"Following the final warning, a further period of six weeks and three days is allowed to pass before the blow falls. Any member failing to carry out the punitive duties of the society becomes himself liable to the same punishment, the second following six weeks and three days after the first, and the third six weeks after the second."

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"There stands the murderer of Josua Ferrers," he said in a quiet voice.

Tonston stepped forward, a smile upon his pale face. "You are wrong," he said steadily. "The Executioner of Josua Ferrers."

For a moment, he stood before us meeting our horrified stares with the serenity of one whose duty has been meritoriously fulfilled. Then, with a rattle of handcuffs, the constable leaped upon his man.

Tonston made no attempt to struggle and with his hands manacled before him he was accompanying his captor to the door when my friend's voice brought them to a halt.

"What have you done with it?" he demanded.

The prisoner looked at him silently.

"I ask," continued Holmes, "because if you have not destroyed it then it is best that I destroy it myself, and that unread."

"Rest assured that the paper is already destroyed," said James Tonston, "and that the Mala Vita preserves the secrets of the Mala Vita. In passing, take this word of warning to heart. It is that you know too much. Though your life may be an honoured one, Mr Sherlock Holmes, it is most unlikely to be a long one." Then with a cold smile in his grey eyes he passed from the room.

It was an hour later and a full moon was rising when my friend and I, after parting from Dr Nordham, turned our backs upon Abbotston, now gaunt and black against the night sky, and set out on foot towards Beaulieu village, where we planned to stay at the inn and take the morning train back to town.

I shall long remember that wonderful five miles' walk along a road all dappled with white fire and deepest shadow where the great trees met above our heads and the forest floor peered at us from the clumps of glittering bracken.

HOLMES walked with his chin upon his breast and it was not until we were descending the hill above the village that he broke his silence. It was little enough that he said then but for some reason his words have remained in my mind.

"You know me sufficiently well, Watson, to acquit me of all false sentiment," said he. "When I confess that there is an urge upon me tonight to walk for a while in the ruined cloisters of Beaulieu Abbey. It was the abode of men who lived and died at peace with themselves and with each other."

"We have seen much evil in our time, not least of which is the misuse of noble qualities such as loyalty, courage and determination for purposes that are in themselves ignoble. But the older I grow the more forcibly is it borne in upon me that, just as these hills and moonlit woods have outlived the ruins that now lie before us, so too must our virtues which are spring from God survive our vices which, like the dark angels, spring from man's sinfulness."

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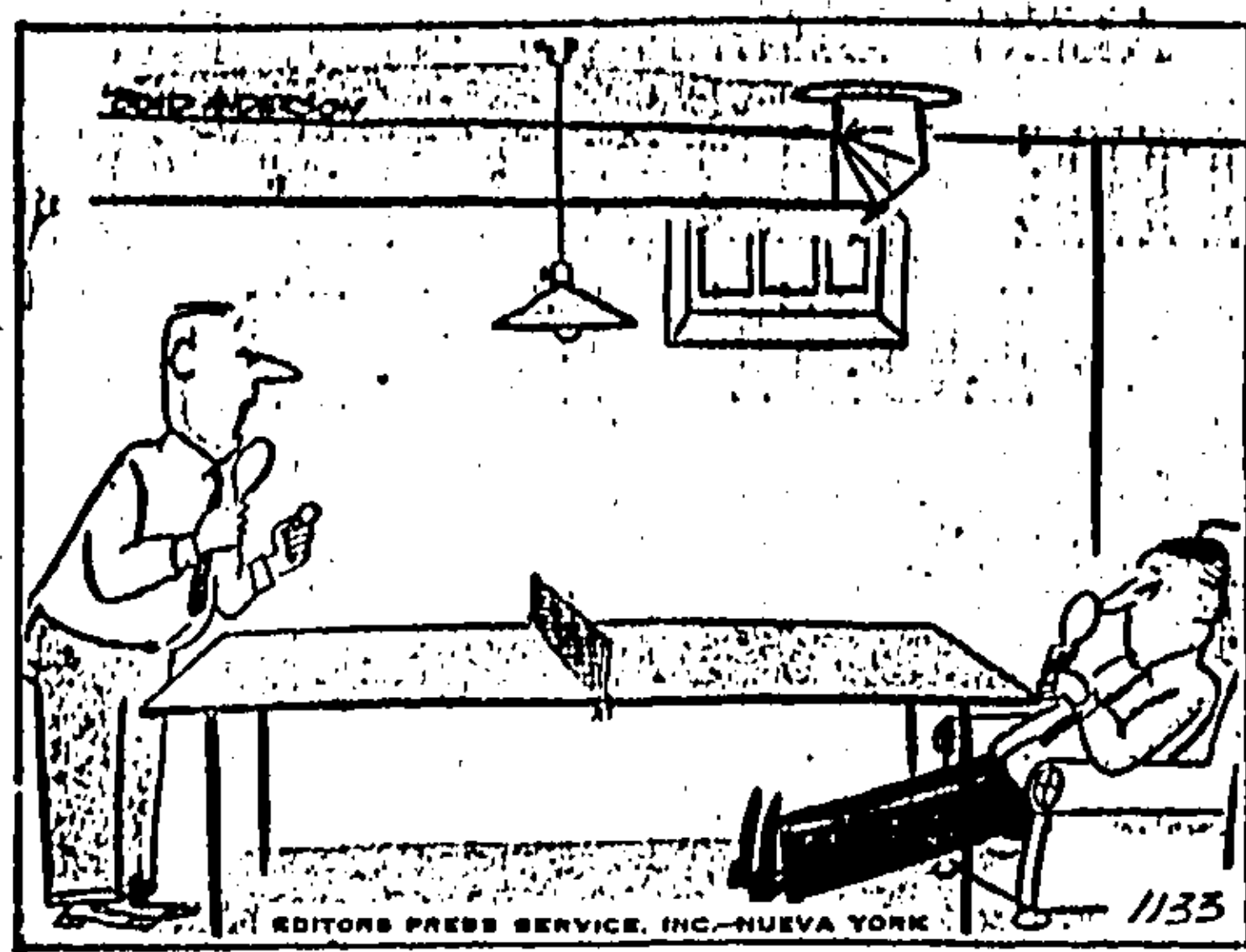
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"Maybe you'd rather do something else, Fred."

• BY THE WAY • by Beachcomber

SOMEbody for whom life flows easily by has been computing how many hours a year are wasted by people who tap their eggs with a spoon instead of slicing the top off in a more manly fashion.

This expert may like to know that the earliest people now have a zip fastener for every boiled egg. It changes into a shell and the side of the egg can be opened with one swift movement, even on windy days. The work-hours saved by this method are incalculable. Eggs were placed end to end and would be any the wiser or happier.

(TOMORROW: How to Make a Sun-Hat for your Dog out of Broken Colicots. by Old Blue.)

The blood-stained poodle (1)

DUSK was falling on the little Balkan town of Zidj when a man stealthily approached a house in a shabby street. He knocked on the door, first with his clenched fist twice, then a faint rattle with the tip of his fingers. Then a third blow with the palm of his hand, then five blows with the side of his fist, then a bang with his knuckles, then two more blows with his fist, and a final smack with the palm. It was evidently a signal, and it made his stealthy movements ridiculous.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

BORN today, you are a strange combination of kindness and selfishness and patience and veins of concealing ruthlessness, hard-headed obstinacy and a will to have your own way. Some what may. Food of travel, you will want to see most of the world during your lifetime. Your intuitions are very keen and you are psychic to an extent which can prove dangerous to your welfare if this gift is improperly used. Your emotions are near the surface and you are so volatile that it is difficult to guess your moods ahead of time.

You women have a great deal of personal charm and wield considerable power over what is called "the inner sex." All of you will be happiest if you are firm and young and have a large family. Your energies will then be taken up with caring for your family and keeping

a home for them. Yet in your home circle you need a place away where you have a room in which to do your own work in your own way. You must take care to keep your ideals on a very high level for your influence over people is such that you could lead them astray as you could along the true path. Among those who were born on this date are: Daniel C. French, sculptor; Gregory Ratoff, actor; Caroling Farley, churchman; John F. Hyland, former New York mayor; Harold Lloyd, film star; Mahomet, and Adolph Hitler.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 20)—Plan ahead, for that is a good idea, always. But don't neglect the important things at hand.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)—If you have patience, now is the time to use it. No matter what happens, don't lose your temper.

Cancer (June 22-July 23)—Don't expect everything to show its full worth on the surface. Look deeply for underlying motivation.

Leo (July 24-Aug. 23)—All your affairs appear to be under excellent control today, so far as much done as you possibly can.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Anticipation could bring a letdown today. Don't expect too much out of life. Be content with what you can get.

Libra (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Patience is something you may need a lot of today. But if you are firm and courageous, all will be well.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Be practical today. Don't let your dreams interfere with your getting something important accomplished.

Sagittarius (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—A bright idea and a practical application may see you out of the woods and into the clear! Progress!

Capricorn (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)—It is important that you keep your point of view completely unbiased and your outlook a broad one.

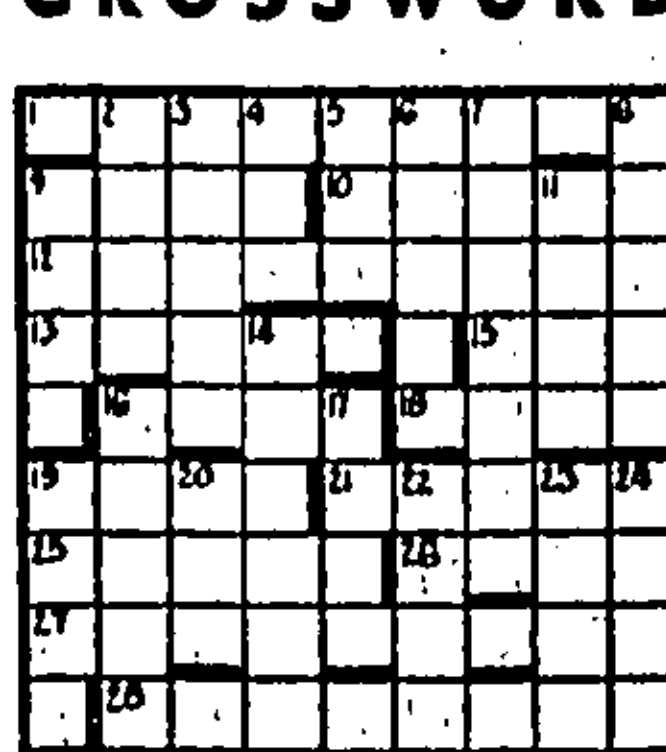
Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Be determined to stand on your own

feet in any emergency and you will discover new strength.

Pisces (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Labour-saving devices will eliminate manual labour and give you more time for the things you really enjoy.

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—You may be faced with selecting one of several opportunities. Be sure to make the right choice.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. A trifter. I get rid of dust. (3, 6)
2. A song from the opera. (4)
3. Of good food was a playing card. (5)
4. Orange-colored—but 'a' shade darker. (9)
5. Let battle commence! (5)
6. Nothing. (3)
7. Inclination—a bit battered. (4)
8. They come before the hurrans! (4)
9. It may be a long story. (4)
10. It's square in London. (5)
11. Smart, from the rear. (5)
12. Place where nobody walks? (4)
13. Tunesless (anag.). (9)
14. Stupid, but not necessarily four-footed. (6, 5)

Down

1. A hidden treasure. (6)
2. Siren is upset on washday. (6)
3. Drooping cigarette? (3)
4. It's unpleasant to be left in jail. (4)
5. Stunt after White Sunday. (7)
6. Cotton dances in these. (4)
7. Small, treacherous thing. (4)
8. It gives a glow to your job. (4)
9. Space for country dances? (5)
10. What a trial! (4)
11. Who is doing this wrong way. (4)
12. You'll do that work plenty. (4)

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• JACOBY ON BRIDGE •

Every Tourney Can Relate Sad Tales

By OSWALD JACOBY

TODAY'S sad tale was told to me by Dr. Louis Mark, of Columbus, one of the finest bridge storytellers of America.

Some years ago, Dr. Mark relates, many players used the opening bid of three no-trump to show a hand that had a good chance to make that contract, regardless of distribution. Therefore several players at an Ohio tournament bid three no-trump on the South hand shown today when the hand came along, some 15 years ago.

At most tables West doubled, and South stood his ground. West usually opened the queen of clubs, and South took the king of clubs and eight diamond tricks.

At one table, however, where John Law was the declarer, the contract was redoubled. John was both as skillful and as brave

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as bridge players come, and he was willing to play for all or nothing with a redouble.

West opened the ace of spades for some reason that has never been discovered. John followed with his blank king, and looked gratefully at dummy's jack of spades.

West followed up her surprise attack (wouldn't you know that this unorthodox lead was made by a woman?) by leading the queen of spades. Quicker as a flash, Law discarded the three of hearts from his own hand.

The Chicago expert had seen that he couldn't afford to discard a diamond, for then he would be thrown in with a diamond and allowed to take his seven tricks. He hoped to outbribe his opponent and thus collect eight diamond tricks and one other trick of some kind.

West wasn't a bit deceived. She instantly laid down the ace of hearts, once more catching a king from the South hand. She then continued with the hearts, allowing East to take the final trick in the suit. East then returned the ten of clubs, which put West in position to take four club tricks.

Altogether, the defenders took ten tricks, defeating the vulnerable redoubled contract six.

Some of his friends asked John Law later how he had come to go down six redoubled and vulnerable. "It wasn't easy," he sighed.

"Everything is covered with snow!" Hanid shouted joyfully.

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WOMANSENSE

EVE PERRICK PRESENTS AN AMERICAN DEB

The 87th Curtsy Is The Climax

CAYLA (short for Candice) Hiltz, the 17-year-old schoolgirl daughter of a New York doctor, was one of the debutantes presented at Buckingham Palace on March 25.

Last summer Cayla acquired some temporary fame by crossing the United States, with her 15-year-old brother, on horse-back—2,300 miles in 109 days.

"Being presented at the Palace," she said, "requires a different sort of insanity. And though I don't really like to make the comparison—all this practice curtysing is a far bigger physical strain."

I could see there was something to that. The curtsy Cayla executed with perfect precision before the Royal Family at 4.30 p.m. on that Thursday was about "the 87th, I guess," she had made in 24 hours.

Learning the way

The day before the presentation party she and 11 other American debas had a run-through at Mrs. Aldrich's house—with the American Ambassador's wife taking the part of the Queen Mother.

"We did it over and over and over," said Cayla, "until finally Mrs. Aldrich said: 'If you girls can't curtsy like Vivien Leigh, then I wish you'd at least be able to fall like she does.'"

Came the Big Day. Miss Hiltz put on her Hartnell dress—it was made of lace, it was very, very pink, and it cost £125. Then with three other compatriot debas she drove to the Palace.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Alice's Birthday

THE life of Alice follows a sequence, runs to a schedule which though it has never been set down is adhered to more closely than many that are.

Alice drinks too much, is arrested, is fined. To get over the shock, she drinks too much again and is again arrested. This time the penalty is one day's imprisonment, which means no more than one day's luncheon taken in the police court cells.

To celebrate her release, Alice sails off to drink too deeply once more. Next thing she is in court again, and the sentence is 28 days.

When she comes out from Holloway, she throws herself into hard work, and works so well that soon her pockets are full of more money than she knows quite how to deal with.

ALL OVER AGAIN

AT that point she swaps her cargo, exchanging too much money for too much alcohol. The sequence begins all over again.

In all the London courts where Alice has appeared, and they are many, tributes have been paid to her industry at the times when she has been working. Magistrates, probation officers and police have praised this admirable side of her character.

But none of the praise has Alice heard. For she is stone-deaf and lives within that lonely world of the deaf, which those with the gift of hearing can scarcely begin to understand. Perhaps if she had not been deaf, Alice's life might have worked out differently.

TIME FOR A NEW LEAF

ALICE is a tiny little woman, who face is deeply lined, and who looks so frail that you would think that a single strong drink would knock her over. The other day she was shown again into the dock at Great Marlborough Street, and, as she always does, she pleaded guilty to the charge of being drunk that the gaoler bellowed into her ear.

As she always does, too, she began her explanation right away, without awaiting an invitation.

"It was me birthday, sir," she said to Mr Paul Bennett, VC. Her voice has the timbre of one of those rattles football fans use. "It was me birthday, and I was 71, and I was telling everyone, and they all bought me drinks."

"Tell her it's time she turned over a new leaf," said Mr Bennett.

I DON'T WANT HER MONEY

THE gaoler did so, though it is doubtful whether Alice heard, for "That's right, sir, my birthday, sir, yesterday," she said.

There were titters from the public gallery. A good many people think total deafness is capital fun and that those forever in trouble are fair game for their sense of humour.

"Tell her the sentence is one day," said Mr Bennett. "She can go at two o'clock."

"Give me time to pay the fine, sir," Alice rasped, not having heard. "I'll have some money at the end of the week."

"Oh, I don't want to take her money," the magistrate said, kindly. "She hasn't much."

FRIENDS EVERYWHERE

TELL her she can go at two o'clock and, when she gets outside, tell her that one day I shall have to come down on her more heavily."

"I'll pay the fine in a few days," Alice grumbled to herself. "If you'll give me time, I'll pay."

The gaoler gently took her arm and led her out. She went trustingly, like a child.

They would look after her in the court. And when later she left and went into the West End streets again, other friends would look after her, too. The people nearly as poor as she, who know of her affliction, and bought her drinks upon her birthday.

"What's Her Line?" Solution

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Earl Of Dalkeith's Heir Is Christened



Today's 10-Nation Washington Talks

Washington, Apr. 19.

Authoritative sources said that the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, was expected to discuss more the Indo-China phase of the Geneva conference than the formation of a Southeast Asian alliance when he holds a ten-nation meeting here tomorrow.

The meeting is expected to include representatives of Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, the Philippines, Thailand, Great Britain, France, Australia and New Zealand.

The State Department spokesman, Mr Jamison Parker, said today that Mr Dulles would discuss with the Ambassadors of those countries both the United States proposal for a Southeast Asian pact against Communism, and the NATO Council meeting in Paris, prior to going to Geneva.

Other authoritative sources said they believed that the United States would not take actual steps for the formation of a Southeast Asian alliance until it is seen at the Geneva conference what the prospects are for some satisfactory results there.

STRONG PRESSURE

They said pressure on the United States administration was so strong that, if first few weeks in Geneva indicated that a failure would be likely there, then Mr Dulles was expected to press for official talks for forming a Pacific pact (PATO). There is reason to believe, they said, that the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff already have had some informal exchange of views on a purely military level with some of the military representatives of the countries which would be in PATO.

They observed that the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation standing group is in constant touch with the Joint Chiefs and it would be logical to suppose the British and French representatives in the standing group now know the US military viewpoint on how PATO should be organized.

They said that Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos had agreed in principle to join the talks on the security of Southeast Asia and their official acceptance is expected soon. They understood that, while tomorrow's 10-nation meeting is likely to concentrate on the Indo-China phase of the Geneva conference, it is possible a statement may be issued that an ad hoc Committee of the 10 countries will be formed here to keep abreast of Indo-China events until it should be decided it is necessary to form a pact.

According to these sources, Mr Dulles expects the Geneva

Mother looks proud — and smiles. Father puts out a fond "Are you ticklish?" hand — and smiles. Son finds he is ticklish — and smiles. This happy picture was taken recently after the christening of the six-week old son of the Countess and Earl of Dalkeith by the Bishop of Edinburgh in Melrose, near the Dalkeith Scottish border home. One of the baby's godmothers is Princess Margaret. The Countess of Dalkeith was formerly Miss Jane McNeill, daughter of Mr John McNeill, QC, of Hongkong. — London Express Photo.

Missionaries Attacked By Bandits

Penang, Apr. 20.

In the first terrorist attack on Christian Brothers in Malaya, ten armed bandits raided Saint Xavier's holiday bungalow, up Penang hill last night.

They shot the sub-director, Rev Brother Symphonie, who was seriously wounded in the stomach.

Brother Symphonie was flown by special plane early this morning for blood transfusion at Penang General Hospital.

Six bandits surrounded the bungalow while four men entered and took away two shotguns and a rifle. Brother Symphonie, 43-year-old native of Marcellus, who recently received the Palm of the French Academy for long service to the cause of education, was shot when trying to run back to his bedroom on being confronted by the terrorists.

Armed only with sticks, 10 other Brothers tried to resist the bandits, who fired at them but missed. The terrorists left after half an hour. — Reuters.

Not Aware Of Truce Offer

Washington, Apr. 19.

State Department officials said today that the United States was not aware of any approaches made to the French "through proper channels" by the Indo-Chinese Communists for a truce in Indo-China.

They had been asked to comment on a Moscow Radio broadcast saying that peace could be arranged in Indo-China because the Communist leader, Ho Chi Minh, had offered to negotiate a truce with the French there.

These officials said they were aware of the broadcast and it apparently referred to an interview with Ho in the Stockholm Express on November 29, in which the native Communist leader said he was willing to negotiate a truce.

Officials here recalled that the French government had said at that time that if Ho had any proposals for a truce he should make them through the proper channels. They added that there was no knowledge in Washington of "proper channels" having been made. — United Press.

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Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, U.S.A.
Canton, 6 p.m.
Indo-China, France, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

GENERAL HOLIDAY
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21
By Air
Thailand, 9 a.m.
Indo-China, 10 a.m.
Formosa, Japan, Canada, 2 p.m.
Japan, 2 p.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
Burma, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 8 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 8:30 a.m.
N. Borneo, 11 a.m.
Thailand, 11 a.m.
Formosa, Japan, Central & South America, Noon.
Macao, 6 p.m.

Manila City Elders Stage Fight

Manila, Apr. 20.

Manila's City Hall was thrown into an uproar shortly before noon yesterday when Mayor Arsenio H. Lacson and Councilor Fausto Alberto engaged in fistfuffs inside the office of Municipal Board President Francisco Yusaco.

Shortlived, the fight was a disappointment to the crowd that had gathered, attracted by the noise and commotion.

Before the two City officials could do any damage to each other, bystanders intervened, though some witnesses said that Mr Lacson managed to land three sharp jabs, a trick he no doubt picked up from refereeing boxing matches some four years ago.

Political differences precipitated the break between the two who were formerly staunch friends.

General comment after the fight was that they could have done it for a worthy cause. Said the Red Cross, "What a drawing card!" — France-Press.

Troopship Here

The troopship HMT Dilwara arrived this morning from the United Kingdom with replacement troops for Hongkong. She also brought a number of Service families. Dilwara will return to the UK with time-expired troops next week.

Crown To Appeal To Privy Council

Conditional leave for the Crown to appeal to Privy Council against his judgment refusing to condemn as a lawful prize of war the proceeds of salted hides which the Crown had seized in 1941 under suspicion of being shipped to Germany, was granted by Mr Justice C. V. Reece in the Prize Court this morning.

Mr Justice Reece ordered execution of his judgment given on April 7 in favour of the owners of the hides to be suspended pending the appeal. The conditions under which leave to appeal was granted are that an undertaking be given to the Registrar within seven days by the Proper Officer of the Crown to prosecute the appeal and to pay its costs if unsuccessful and costs of the application for leave if it should be withdrawn; that the record be prepared within three months from today; and that the costs of the appeal be costs in cause.

The hides, 2,039 bundles (115,682 pounds) in transit to Shanghai were landed in Hongkong in March and April, 1941 by order of HM Navy and were sold for a total of \$25,597.90. They were part of the cargoes of the ss Tamesis and the ss Tarifa.

The Crown, represented by Mr Simon L. Crown Counsel, applied to the Prize Court for the proceeds of the sale to be paid out of Court to the Crown's officer and alleged that the cargoes were intended to be despatched for Germany, then an enemy, and were capable of being put to warlike use.

JUDGE'S OPINION
The owners of the cargoes, Messrs H. Grady and M. Neumann, both of Colombia, South America, opposed the application through their Counsel, Mr D.A.L. Wright, instructed by Mr F. D. Hammond. They asked for the release to them of the proceeds of the sale and denied the hides were destined for Germany.

Mr Justice Reece decided that although there was little doubt that the hides could be used by an enemy in the prosecution of a war there was no reasonable cause for suspicion that the hides were intended to reach enemy territory. He ordered the net proceeds of the sale to the owners.

On his application for leave to appeal, Mr Simon L. Submitts that this was a case where such leave should be granted.

Mr Wright, referring to the law, declared that the Court would not generally grant leave where the appeal was on the question of fact alone and he asked the Court to require Mr L. to give an assurance that the appeal would be on law as well as on fact.

Mr L. promised that there would be no fresh evidence and that the appeal would be on grounds of law and fact. As to security for costs he also gave an assurance of an undertaking given by an officer of the Crown to pay costs.

Mr Wright said he would be satisfied by a written undertaking of the Attorney-General regarding the costs of the appeal and of the present application if the Crown decided to withdraw the appeal.

Ban Against French Police

Bombay, Apr. 19.

The entry of French Police and other officials from Malabar and nearby French enclaves into Indian territory has been banned since Saturday night, it was reported here today. Yesterday three French Police who wanted to cross Falloor enclave from Malabar were turned back on the border by Indian police pickets. They will only be allowed to pass through Indian territory on production of a valid visa signed by the Indian Consul-General at Pondicherry, these reports stated. — France-Press.

Fishermen Freed

Tokyo, Apr. 20.

Thirty-three Japanese fishermen released by order of South Korean President Syngman Rhee on April 14 returned to Osaka, western Japan, this morning. Aboard the Korean freighter Onigisho, the fishermen and their boats were arrested on March 13 by South Korean patrol ships for violating the "Three Line" zone.

Chinese Police Constable Charged With Murder

Wong Tung-yan, 26-year-old Police Constable No. 2760, attached to the Peak Police Station, faced committal proceedings before Mr Lawrence Leong at Central this morning, charged with the murder of another Constable, Tsoi Nim-pun, at the Peak Police Station on February 24 this year.

The accused, a native of Wei Hai Wei, Shan-tung Province, was represented by Mr F. X. D'Almada. Det. Sub-Insps. G. A. D. Rich, of CID Central, conducted the case for the Prosecution.

In an outline of the facts of the case, Insp. Rich told the Court that on February 24, the date of the incident, the accused and the deceased Tsoi Nim-pun, PC No. 2777, were both attached to the Peak Police Station.

On the morning of February 24, said Insp. Rich, Tsoi Nim-pun was off duty, and about noon he went to a amah, Choy Wing-ching, and obtained a clothes peg from her, apparently intending to hang up a pair of wet, white gloves to dry.

Tsoi was next seen by Constable No. 2957, who was engaged in cleaning rifle slings when the accused passed him after emerging from the amah's quarters. This was the last time that Tsoi was seen alive by any of the witnesses, said Insp. Rich.

At 11.50 a.m., continued Insp. Rich, the accused relieved PC 2960 as station guard at the main gate of the Peak Police Station, and had handed over to him a rifle with its safety catch in the "off" position, the bolt closed and five rounds of ammunition in the magazine.

PC 2960 informed the accused of the condition of the rifle, after which he left, not noticing whether the accused checked the rifle or not.

While the change of duty was taking place, PC 2957 came up to the main gate and changed the sling of the rifle, said Insp. Rich.

HEARD A "BANG"

At 12.10 p.m. a shoe-repairer, Wu Hung, who was repairing a pair of boots in the Station's Garage, a barber and a Police Sergeant, who was having a hair-cut, heard a "bang."

They went to the entrance of the garage to see what was the matter, and Wu Hung, looking to his left, saw the accused standing with his legs slightly bent, holding a rifle in front of his body in a vertical position. The butt of the rifle was a few inches from the ground and the muzzle was pointing to the sky.

The accused was looking at the body of a man lying at his feet, continued Insp. Rich. The man (deceased) was lying on his back with his legs sprawled apart.

Wu Hung then saw the accused bend down and touch the shoulder of the body, after which he stepped back and stood at the feet of the deceased. The "bang" was also heard by PC 2957, who was cleaning rifle slings, who also saw the defendant standing over the body of

Radio Hongkong

8.15 p.m. Signal and Programme Summary: 6.15, Melody with the Stars—Rita Stevens (Mezzo-sop.), Robert Marns (Baritone), with Chorus and Orchestra, conducted by Ted Dale; 6.30, Bandstand—with the Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards; "First Hearing" presented by Bernard Hicks (Studio); 7.30, La Demi-Heure France; 8.15, Weather Report; 8.30, Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 8.45, News Talk (London Relay); 9.15, Announcements; 9.15, Interlude for Music with Frank Baron and His Sextet (BBC); 9.25, Foreign Favourites (London Relay); 9.30, Signal, Musical Notebook presented by Rev. Father T. F. Ryan, S.J. (Studio); 9.30, "Lamentable Brother" A Programme on the Treatment of Mental Disease in Britain, written by C. Gordon Glover, produced by Neta Pain (BBC); 10.30, At the Ballet (London Relay); 10.30, The Royal Opera House Orchestra; 10.30, Covent Garden, conducted by Hugo Rignold; 10.50, Weather Report; 11.15, Time Signal, Radio News Reel (London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Save the Queen; 11.30, Close down.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Where's your sense of humour? You had a big laugh when I told you that stink tree was down when Uncle Wil told me it last autumn!"